



FRIENDS TO FRIENDS

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LIBRARY BRANCHES

Salem, Seneca,
Walhalla, Westminster.
Bookmobile

Summer 2016

President's Message – from Barbara Askew

Hi Everyone,

If you aren't seriously affected by allergies, you have to have appreciated this beautiful spring! Just the right amount of rain to make the trees really green and the flowers bloom.

In my opinion, Friends of the Library (FOL) is blooming right along with the flowers. The monthly book sales have had a lot of new visitors, thanks in part to Jean Mercer's placement of free articles and ads in the quarterly Chickasaw Point newsletter and in the Scuttlebutt, Keowee Key's monthly newsletter. New faces are always welcome and the amazement of these newcomers when they see our 35,000 or so books for sale, some for as little as a quarter, is fun in itself. Also doing well are the \$3 books for sale in the lobbies of the Seneca and Walhalla branches.

At our May board meeting, we voted to accept the revised Constitution as presented. If you are interested in reading it, you may request a copy from Ellen Plumpe at plumpe@charter.net. We also voted to add a member to the board. Nancy Soper will officially join us at the July meeting. A former junior high school remedial reading teacher and convention organizer, we are happy to wel-

come Nancy. Unfortunately, we also regretfully accepted the resignation of Sue Rach, who is leaving due to health reasons.

The four branches and the bookmobile are gearing up for both the Children and Adult Summer Reading Programs: "On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read". There are good descriptions of both online at oconeelibrary.org, or you can call any of the branches if you think that these programs sound interesting to you, or to your kids or grandkids. FOL assists both programs financially.

And it's "Christmas in July" again for the branch librarians and their staffs. Each spring we ask the branch managers to collect "Wish Lists" from their staff (and the bookmobile, of course). These lists comprise, as the name suggests, items that library staff may have said sometime during the year - "Gee, you know what we need...?" or "Wouldn't it be great if we had?" Then, in July, the FOL Board reviews these lists and votes on what to purchase and how much we can afford from our budget. We try not to disappoint anyone yet, as keepers of the purse, we are responsible for wise use of FOL dollars.

In April, we surprised two of our board members, Libby Dunlap and Karen Graves, with the Lucile Bellotte Moore Award, given each year to FOL

Welcome to these new members:

Mrs. Laura L. Allen	Seneca
Bonnie Eisenbies	Seneca
Anne Fogel	Seneca
Kathy Kegley	Seneca
Kathy Glenn	Westminster
Becky Goss	Seneca
Cynthia Snyder	Seneca
Patty & Dan Warner	Seneca
George & Sally Bouwman	Salem
Shari Waldo	Westminster

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members for "being strong promoters of the Library". For the past four years, Libby and Karen have done an outstanding job of bringing the "Let's Talk About It" book discussion series together with Clemson professors and the reading public. There is no better way to thank outstanding members of FOL than to present them with this award.



Paul Cain, Oconee County Council Chairman and Barb Askew, FOL President, present the Lucile Bellotte Moore Award to Libby Dunlap (far left) and Karen Graves (far right) at the Volunteer dinner in April.

The Little Free Libraries (also sponsored by FOL) in Fairplay and in Long Creek seem to be very popular - enough so that we are discussing expanding, possibly to another state park and to one or two other small communities in the county. Stay tuned!

And finally, we have received several financial donations for the "Read to Me" program this quarter, for which we are very grateful. I will be ordering 600 bags and bibs this month to continue into our sixth year of providing babies born in Oconee Memorial Hospital with book bags, board books, and other reading supplies to encourage reading for parents and their new babies.

Have a great summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barb".

There are no faster or firmer friendships than those formed between people who love the same books.

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Summer Reading Program

It's almost time! Summer is right around the corner. On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! Exercise your mind AND body with some great summer reading programs for all ages.

A complete calendar for both youth and adult summer reading, plus printable logs and more, is available on our LibGuide at <http://oconee.libguides.com/summerreading2016>. The calendars are also available here: <https://oconeelibrary.org/calendar-of-events-print-version/>.

Registration is now open!



Let's Talk About It

Let's Talk About It is a book discussion group in which a University professor leads each of the discussions. Participants choose the books, which are available FREE OF CHARGE to the public at the Seneca library. The South Carolina Humanities Council and the Oconee County Friends of the Library fund this series.

The Fall series will be "South Carolina Literary Map: Women of South Carolina" This series features five of the Palmetto State's most famous female writers, from South Carolina's only Pulitzer Prize winner in fiction Julia Peterkin to national best seller Sue Monk Kidd. Written about South Carolina women and by South Carolina women, these books and poems will illuminate the experience of women in our state. This series is based on the South Carolina Literary Map, created by the Palmetto Book Alliance

The books are as follows:

Scarlet Sister Mary by Julia Peterkin
The World is Round by Nikky Finney
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
Bastard out of South Carolina by Dorothy Allison
Clover by Dori Sanders



The Humanities Council is going to try to forward the books by July 1. When the books arrive in Seneca, there is a processing system before the books can be released to the public. When all is in order, an email will be sent, to our list, making you aware the sets of books can be picked up at that time. Dates will be set later in the summer when the professors have their Fall schedules.

Friends of the Library Board Members

Barbara Askew, President
Kyra Carbone, Little Free Libraries
Libby Dunlap, Let's Talk About It
Karen Graves, Let's Talk About It
Su Hannon, Read to Me
Vicki Hinson, Recording Secretary

Frank Miller
Ellen Plumpe, Treasurer
Nancy Soper,
Nancy Woods, Membership
Sandy Yuda, Newsletter Editor and Historian



Your Library's Branches

(Hours subject to change)

Walhalla Branch (Main Library)

501 West South Broad St., Walhalla, SC 29691

Phone: 864-638-4133

Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9 AM to 9 PM
Wednesday – Friday 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM
Sunday* 2 PM to 5:30 PM*

*during school year only

Seneca Branch

300 East South Second St., Seneca, SC 29678

Phone: 864-882-4855

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 AM to 8 PM
Friday 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM
Sunday CLOSED

Westminster Branch

112 West North Ave., Westminster, SC 29693

Phone: 864-364-5760

Hours: Monday 11:30 PM to 8 PM
Tuesday – Friday 10 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM
Sunday CLOSED

Salem Branch

5 Park Ave., Salem, SC 29676

Phone: 864-944-0912

Hours: Monday 10 AM to Noon; 1 PM to 6 PM
Tuesday – Friday 8:30 AM to Noon; 1 PM to 5 PM
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Golden | \$500+ |

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